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In summer people from Muzaffarabad tehsil, Chilas and Kagan migrate with their live-stock to the rich pasture grounds of this tehsil and with the advent of cold season return to their homes.

In Drawa Illaqa of the tehsil, however, some three Kaganis are said to have settled under the impulse of marriage.

The enactment of the Kahcharai Rules by the Government has had a striking effect upon the well known nomadic tribe of Bakarwals, whose immigration into the tehsil has practically stopped.

From the eastern part of the tehsil zamindars emigrate to the Rawalpindi district in the Punjab where they work as coolies.

Muzaffarabad.—1. Bakarwals have acquired cultivable land in the tehsil.

2. Several zamindars of Poonch Jagir have similarly acquired plots of land.

3. Khatri shopkeepers from the Punjab and Abbotabad have settled in the tehsil for trade purposes and acquired land and property.

4. Local zamindars emigrate to the Punjab in winter where they work as coolies.

Kashmiri Muslims especially Khojas, Sheikhs migrated from Kashmir and settled in Muzaffarabad tehsil driven by a famine in the past and have now permanently adopted it.

Pathans from Hazara and Rawalpindi similarly settled here in the long past. But these tribes have now risen to the status of locals.

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(*xii*) **Frontier Districts :** *Ladakh.*—The Ladakhis are not accustomed to migration to any appreciable extent. In summer a number of European visitors and the Punjab and Yarkand traders go to Ladakh and provide the locals with enough labour which renders emigration unnecessary. In winter the Zojila Pass blocks the path with snow and makes exodus impossible. Further the Buddhist custom of inheritance of property by the eldest son and his consequent responsibility for supporting the family coupled with their instinctive contentment acts as a bar on emigration. It may be remembered that the Buddhists in Ladakh practice both polygamy and polyandry which check any abnormal increase in population and have so far enabled the people to live contentedly with the limited means of subsistence available.

As regards immigrants, barring overseas immigrants who go to view its natural scenery, the traders of Hoshiarpur and Kangra numbering between 40 and 50 go there annually. The Kangra traders generally do not stir out of Ladakh tehsil but dispose of their merchandise there while the Hoshiarpur merchants often go to Yarkand and Kashgar. The imports into Ladakh consist of piece-goods, crockery, tea, oil etc. and exports from Yarkand include Namdas, Silk, Carpets, Charas, raw cotton, wool and leather. This stream of migration is periodic *i. e.*, for four months in the year from Sawan to Maghar. At the time of Census about 15 of such traders were enumerated in the tehsil of Ladakh. From Yarkand a counter current of slender volume enters Ladakh. Only three persons from Yarkand have settled permanently in Ladakh during the last decade.

The Kashmiri Muslims have settled in Ladakh of long and have married local women. Their descendants are called Arghun.

Some of the permanent settled immigrants are of the Balti tribe of Skardu. They came in the past for trade but finding that it paid better to stay than to return home they adopted the former course, some marrying Ladakhi

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women while others importing their own Balti wives. These people live in Leh or the villages surrounding it and carry on trade in butter, salt, wool, apricot etc.

(*xiii*) *Gilgit.*– Several tribes from Yaghistan, Afghanistan, Chitral, Hazara, Hunza, Nagar, Kashmir and the Punjab have come and settled in Gilgit. Some of the Yaghistanis have migrated to Gilgit and settled there. Others have fled from the country to escape the penalty attendant on family fueds so common among primitive and uncivilized people. Some have been driven by poverty and debt to come to Gilgit from Yaghistan. Some of them have succeeded even in acquiring land. These people are generally habitual criminals and constitute a scourge to the local inhabitants whose morals have also been affected by coming in contact with them.

From Afghanistan, Chitral and Hazara in the N. W. F. Province have come Pathans, Shins and Yashkuns. Their chief occupations are service, labour and trade. The Punjab has contributed some Hindus and Sikhs who are mainly engaged in trade.

From the Jammu Province some Hindus have migrated on trade mission and some Gujjars have also settled in the area and follow their own calling.

A large number of Kashmiri Muslims from the province of Kashmir have gone to Gilgit for purposes of trade and settled there.

From Ladakh have come Baltis who are usually labourers or are employed in some sort of service. The postmen in Gilgit are generally of Balti tribe. The Baltis stay there for a year or so and return home after that period. Some of them have married local women and thereby acquired land. In Baltistan they are divided into separate tribes but here they are labelled as Yashkum without distinction.

Trade in this part of the country holds out bright prospects which have attracted immigrants of so many countries and parts of countries to settle in Gilgit.

The local inhabitants are generally landholders who do not take kindly to labour. There are no black-smiths, cobblers or carpenters in the country. Naturally therefore labourers from Baltistan, Hunza and Nagar and the artisans are hired into the place and return home after making money.

Before Gilgit passed under the Dogra rule there were no roads. The paths led over mountains and were perilous in the extreme. Such a state of affairs interdicted immigration of the trading community though it did not present an insurmountable obstacle to agriculturists and pastoral people. After the establishment of Dogra rule communications underwent a distinct improvement which led people to keep ponies for transport. In Astore at present the people generally depend on this form of transport for a major part of their income. In Gilgit proper even carts are maintained by some zamindars now.

Labour in Gilgit especially for construction of roads and bridges comes from Hunza, Nagar, Baltistan and other surrounding villages.

Were there no Burzil pass between Kashmir and Gilgit migration would expand but the pass remains closed for nearly six months of the year and permanently bars egress and ingress. Gilgit, however, does not hold out unlimited possibilities for immigrants as the population is on the rise while the culturable land is limited and the produce insufficient.

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Immigration has affected the customs of the people. The Yaghistanis are Sunnis while the people of Gilgit belong to the Shia sect. In the past the Gilgit-walas observed no distinction between Sunnis and Shias and mutual